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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed document is also enclosed, along with an English-language abstract of the document.

JP 7-171142, which relates to a radiodiagnostic device, was cited in an Office Action for a corresponding foreign application of this application.

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A Request for Continued Examination is filed concurrently herewith. Therefore, it is believed that no fee is due in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. If a fee is determined to be due, please charge it to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.


Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
	<b>JP 7-171142</b>	<b>07/11/1995</b>	<b>Japan</b>			<b>Abstract</b>

OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)	

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